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# Bethlehem

# Bylines Brief

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## \*\* OPENING BRANCH MEETING \*\*

September 18, 2019

6pm Supper ~ 6:45pm Program  
Advent Moravian Church Auditorium ~  
3730 Jacksonville RD 18017

## Persistent Women and Purple Sashes: 100 Years of Women's Suffrage



Speaker: Dr. Cara McClintock-Walsh,  
Professor of English and the Robert J. Kopecek  
Endowed Chair in the Humanities, NCC

McClintock-Walsh's proposal which  
encompasses women's history, literature, and  
culture is entitled,

"To the wrongs that need resistance, to the  
right that needs assistance:  
100 Years of Women's Suffrage".

### Wear WHITE to Honor the Early Suffragettes Who Marched for the Right to Vote in USA

You will receive your own *Purple Sash*

Dessert will be provided

### Registration required by September 12<sup>th</sup> for Catering Purposes

Email Linda Robertson – [LCRob123@PTD.net](mailto:LCRob123@PTD.net) to notify her that you be attending. Please indicate what type of salad (fruit, protein, taco, vegetable, etc.) to serve six (6) that you will bring. This a pot luck salad supper. Thank you

## **Group Information :**

**Bacchae** : The next meeting of Bacchae for the new season will be held on Thursday, September 12 at 7:00pm at Phyllis Wargo's house. At that time we will choose our theme and hostesses for the meetings. Thank you Phyllis

**Best Sellers Book Exchange**: Each member purchases a recently published book, which is then circulated throughout the group on a monthly rotation. There are no meetings. New members welcome. Contact Margaret Mahoney 610-691-1835

**Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue**: Members of this group come from the Bethlehem, Easton and Allentown branches to discuss issues around race, age, gender and more. This group is concerned with social action as well as social justice. Using various media, the group examines the role of society in the problems of diverse populations (age, gender, race ability and religion). We meet the 4th Wednesday, of the month at 7:00pm. Join us for conversation and action. If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary Baker [robaker356@gmail.com](mailto:robaker356@gmail.com)

**Mystery Paperback** The Mystery Book Club of Bethlehem AAUW reads five books a year and meets in members' homes on Tuesday afternoons. Our first book for this season will be a classic mystery: "Murder Must Advertise" by Dorothy Sayers. We will meet at Cathy Kotanchik's house from 1:30-3:00 PM on Tuesday, September 17. New members are always welcome. Please contact Mary Dawson for more information.

**Paperback I** : Members choose and read same paperback book of various genres for discussion. Contact Kathy Stephen for details. (email : [kstephens@ptd.net](mailto:kstephens@ptd.net))

**Paperback II** : PPBII BOOK GROUP meets the third Tuesday of every month, September through May except December. Meetings start at 7:00pm. Each month a different person is hostess and a different person is the "reviewer"-all volunteer. PPBII BOOK GROUP will kick off the 2019-2020 season on Tuesday, September 17th reading: "A Gentleman In Moscow" by Amor Towles. Shirley Daluisio will be hostess and Deb Spinny will review. Please contact Shirley and let her know if you CANNOT ATTEND. Looking ahead to October; Tuesday, October 15th, PPBII BOOK GROUP will meet at Linda Federico's Home. October's book: "A Fall of Marigolds" by Susan Meissner. We welcome new members. Please contact me by email if you would like to join the PPBII BOOK GROUP. Joanne Wagner, PPBII Group leader [jmfwagner@live.com](mailto:jmfwagner@live.com) "Happy Reading"

**Out-to-Lunch Bunch** The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet September 17 at noon at "White Orchid" at the Shoppes at the Promenade. Lynn Bittner is our host. Lynn does not have email so phone her at 610-838-1482.  
— Jeanie Power

## **HELP WANTED>>>>**

**For the first Branch meeting, Wed. Sept. 18, 6 pm Suffragette Supper, we could use some assistance. Please volunteer as a greeter, to help set up as members bring in their foodstuffs, and to assist in clean-up after the event.**

Reply to Shirley Daluisio, 610-866-7919/[budshirl@hotmail.com](mailto:budshirl@hotmail.com).

### ***October 6, 2019 – AAUW Goes to the Theatre***

We are pleased to report that all 40 tickets the branch reserved for the matinee of "And Then There Were None" at Pennsylvania Playhouse are sold. We look forward to a delightful wine and cheese and Agatha Christie whodunit. In the unlikely event a ticket opens up, contact Ginny Stanglein to be put on a waiting list.

**SOLD OUT**

## Pennsylvania Senator Lisa Boscola Acknowledges Branch Member's Hard Work on Bill



Madison Scarfaro (Center) met with Sen. Lisa Boscola to be recognized for her commitment and hard work concerning **HB 276 - Marsy's Law**. This proposed amendment deals with expanding victims' rights. The goal is to make this become part of the PA Constitution. The bill will be a ballot question in the November General Election. **GREAT JOB MADISON !!**

Another very important reason to... **GET OUT TO VOTE!**

## Susan McNamara Honored in June

Cathy Kotanchik presented Susan McNamara with an AAUW pin in recognition of Susan's 10 years working to start AAUW Student Groups at both Moravian College and Lehigh University. Susan worked tirelessly, first as branch President and then as the College/University Liaison, to establish trust with these young women and keep lines of communication open. Over the years, we have seen the students become campus leaders and grow leadership skills. Susan is a true model of the modern AAUW Woman. We thank her for her continued interests and efforts.



## Branch Membership Team Asks You to Help

There are new faces responsible for Membership this year. Four women have accepted the role as Membership Committee. Please feel free to contact any of us to work through any issues.

Current members are our best recruitment agents. Invite friends and neighbors to join you at a program, volunteer for the book sale, or accompany you to a study group.

The personal touch is the most effective way for us to gain new members. You can spread the word about our valuable AAUW.

Ann Brown - 610-861-5122;  
(C) 610-462-7056  
Mary Dawson - 484-894-8495  
Amy Fields - 610-703-5834  
Pat Slifka - 610-625-0727;  
(C) 540-333-5098



The AAUW Executive Team, AAUW Lehigh leaders and Book Fair Co-Chairs celebrated the year's activities at a June picnic.

## *Message from Your AAUW-Bethlehem Executive Team*

It's September and we should feel refreshed from the opportunity summer gave us to vacation, modify our daily routines, or just "chill out." Energized, we are now looking forward to filling our calendars with an autumn of activity. This year, get your money's worth out of your AAUW-Bethlehem membership and plan to come to each of our dynamic, varied and worthwhile programs. Feel free to reach out to a member of the Executive Committee if you need a ride.

While you are at one of the meetings, *please pick up some Salary Negotiation Workshop bookmarks* to hand out. Even if you are personally out of the workforce, you will run into women everyday who could benefit from this free, user-friendly, on-line course. I have given bookmarks to fellow women cyclists in my spinning class, left some with my hairdresser, and sent some to my daughters and nieces. If you don't think there is a need for this course, just talk to high school or college women. Most of them have no idea how a small difference of pay at the beginning of their careers will impact future raises, bonuses, 401k or retirement contributions, and Social Security payments.

*Please share this important program with all the working women you know.*

*Cathy Kotanchik* for the Executive Team

Linda Robbins (Finance Officer)

Jo Ann Kelly (Secretary)

Ann Brown, Mary Dawson, Amy Fields,  
and Pat Slifka (VPs, Membership)

Shirley Daluisio, Linda Robertson,  
and Ginny Stanglein, (VPs, Program)

Cathy Kotanchik (Immediate Past President)

## **Class of 2019**

We recognized our outstanding scholarship recipients at the May Reception.

Photo provided by Ann Brown.



## AAUW Lehigh University Thanks Branch for NCCWSL Support

As we reflect on our National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) experience and we begin our summer internships, classes, and other endeavors, we would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of the members of AAUW-Bethlehem for giving us the opportunity to have such an empowering experience at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Because of the generosity of the AAUW Board of Directors, along with all those who donated individually to our crowd-funding campaign, we were able to send four young women from the AAUW Lehigh chapter to the conference this year.

You cannot imagine how impactful this experience has been for all of us, both as individuals in pursuit of a greater understanding of ourselves and our identities as women, and as a team of students dedicated to making AAUW Lehigh a safe space on campus for understanding and progress. During our experience, we attended workshops teaching us about confidence, radical self love, and navigating personal relationships, as well as panels with professional women in STEM, mass communications, and non-profit organizations. We listened to, honored, and met so many incredible women who owned their diverse stories with pride and inspired us to do the same. We bonded as friends, peers and fellow women, and are more motivated now than ever to continue bringing AAUW's mission to Lehigh's campus

The AAUW Bethlehem Branch's support and guidance has been a true gift. Thank you for making this experience possible.

All the best,

**AAUW Lehigh**  
Isabela Madrigal  
Hannah Lee  
Emma Kwasnoski  
Sherry Huang



AAUW Lehigh sent four students to the NCCWSL conference at the University of Maryland. The student group was able to do so because our members along with other friends – raised more than \$1,700 to help them with registration and travel expenses. In appreciation, the young women presented an autographed copy of Roxane Gay's book "Bad Feminist", to the Bethlehem Branch





## A “NEW AGE” BOOK FAIR

By “new age” we mean the changes to our Book Fair (“BF”) as we’ve known it, with the new reality of BF at the ice rink. After meeting in June with the City of Bethlehem and the “Boutique at the Rink” chairpersons, our continued use of the ice rink was confirmed and the issues with overlapping schedules with the Boutique were resolved. It will be a “new age” for BF that we will enjoy for next year and into the future: continued help from the City, more space, improved sorting conditions and a compressed timeline.

**Only 3 weeks to accept donations and to complete sorting prior to the sale for 2020.**

If you’ve done some summer reading, save those books for donation for the 2020 sale!

2020 Sale Dates:	Thursday, April 23-Monday, April 27, 2020
Donation Dates:	April 1-April 22, 2020
Book Sorting:	April 2-April 22, 2020; Monday through Saturday, 9am-Noon
Kick-Off Koffee:	Thursday, April 2, 2020 @ 10am
Sup and Shop:	Tuesday, April 21, 2020 @ 6pm

Happy reading,  
Debbie Spinney, Book Fair co-chair  
Rita Bergstrom, Book Fair co-chair

Debby Spinney and Rita Bergstrom, Book Fair Co-Chairs announce Amy Fields (Right) will shadow them this year to prepare to become Book Fair Co-Chair in 2021.



## AAUW Pioneer Died This Summer

Mary Purcell, former AAUW-PA President and AAUW National President, died June 28, 2019.

Mary also was the official AAUW representative at the United Nations.

She had the New Jersey Coalition make a presentation at the UN conference on the girls of the Project Rap program for middle schools. Those of us who had the privilege to know Mary would characterize her as an unstoppable force.

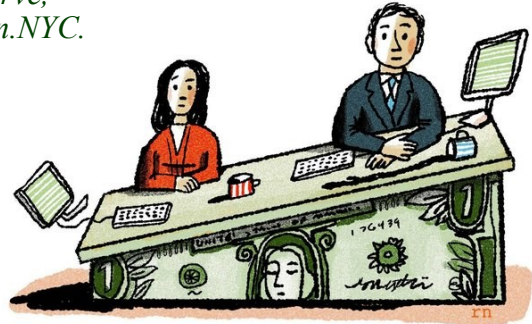
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Memory

## AAUW National Initiative on Salary Negotiation – Your Membership Dollars Working

AAUW has partnered with the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) to teach 10,000 women how to negotiate for higher salaries and advocate for themselves at work. The initiative - “Ask for More” — includes online training and in-person workshops in all five boroughs. Once fully implemented, Ask for More will be among the largest salary negotiation and women’s leadership initiatives in the country.

*“These workshops bring the city one step closer to the city we want to be — one where **everyone** is getting paid what they deserve,”  
said Faye Penn, Executive Director, Women.NYC.*

Since AAUW’s launched Work Smart in 2015, 80,000 women have registered. Participants have reported negotiating salaries up to 20% higher than the initial offer after taking the training.



“It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union. And we formed it, not to give the blessings of liberty, but to secure them; not to the half of ourselves and the half of our posterity, but to the whole people -- women as well as men”.

**SUSAN B. ANTHONY**, speech after her arrest for voting in the 1872 presidential election